

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for due consideration given the application.

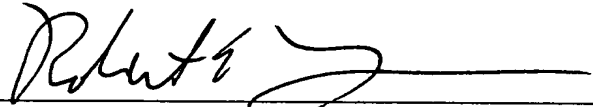
Attached to this paper please find a verified translation of JP 2002-282702. The filing of this verified translation removes PARKER et al. (U.S. Publication 2002/0117828) as prior art to the present invention.

The issuance of a Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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Appendix:

The Appendix includes the following item:

- verified English translation of priority Japanese Application 2002-282702 filed September 27, 2002